

a wall having a [configured to circumscribe] a passageway through the wall along which
arthropods crawl, the sized portion of the sheet being placed across a portion of the passageway
[a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway, wherein the sheet is configured to
circumscribe a passageway defined by an exterior surface of a narrow or elongated structure and
provide a vermin impervious obstruction to the arthropods crawling along the narrow or the
elongated structure] ;

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling
arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway in the wall [; and
a shield for the barrier implement] .

Claim 22(First Time Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of
travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway about a pipe, comprising:

a sheet having an O shape being placed about a pipe being configured to circumscribe
block a passageway along which arthropods crawl [, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to
said passageway, wherein the barrier implement is configured to correspond to a flange] ; and

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring [said] crawling
arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway about the pipe.

Claim 23(First Time Amended). The barrier implement of claim 22 wherein the sheet [is
configured in an O-shape to] fits behind a flange about the pipe [used for obstructing a route of
travel along elongated structures] .

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS:

-- 24. The barrier implement of claim 23, wherein the pipe passes through a wall, and the
passageway is about the pipe within the wall.